

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1039  
By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to recognize Carolyn D. Forster on the occasion  
of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn D. Forster is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for nine years as Executive Director of Leadership Blount County, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, hired as Executive Director in 1995, Ms. Forster, aided by her dedication, self-assurance, and temerity, quickly established herself as an astute and thoughtful leader in the LBC, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, a member of the first class of Leadership Blount in 1991, Ms. Forster has been a guiding force in Blount County for several decades; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn Forster is an active and important part of her community and her profession, participating in numerous civic organizations, including service on the Board of Directors for *Nine Counties. One Vision*, East Tennessee Regional Leadership Association, and Tennessee Association of Community Leadership; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated public servant, Ms. Forster's illustrious list of volunteer activities includes service as Chairman of "Pennies for a Purpose," Co-Chairman of Dogwood Arts Festival, Chairman of Jr. Service League Follies, Past President of GFWC J. Chilhowee Club, Past President of Family Support Group in the 134th AREFG at McGhee Tyson Airbase; additionally, she has served as a Committee Member of the Foothills Fall Festival, member of the Board of Trustees of the Blount County Library, Advisory Board for Pellissippi State Technical Community College, Advisory Board for Mountain Challenge, ALCOA Foundation

Community Advisory Board, as a Honorary Chairman for the Blount Memorial Hospital Gala;  
and

WHEREAS, Ms. Forster's generous donations of time, talent, and treasure is especially evident in her contributions to the United Way; she has served as Chairman of the Day of Caring, Co-Chairman of the Fashion Show, and Member of the Allocations Panel; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Tennessee, Carolyn Forster was employed as a teacher and as the Secretary to the Commander of the Tennessee Air National Guard before she began her tenure at LBC, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Forster's dutiful service to her company and her community have earned her numerous local and regional awards; among her many accolades are *The Daily Times* Wall of Fame in 2001 and The Adjutant General's Distinguished Patriot Medal in 2003; and

WHEREAS, a loving wife and mother, Ms. Forster enjoys the love and companionship of her husband, Fred Forster, and her two children, Joy Carver and Rebecca; she is also a stalwart member of the Mount Lebanon Baptist Church in Maryville; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Forster exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Carolyn Forster has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Carolyn D. Forster our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement, thank her for her many years of dedicated service, and wish her every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.